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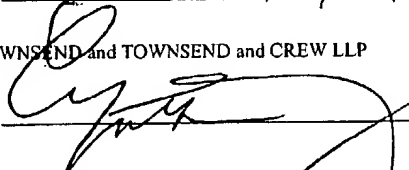
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/538,132

Filed: March 29, 2000

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROGRAMMABLE LEXICAL PACKET  
CLASSIFIER

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6523

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 30, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.